IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1279 OF 2007

Narendra Ramcharan Bhalla ...Applicant.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Mr.Rajiv Patil i/b. Dushyant Purekar, Adv. for the Applicant.
Mr.V.B.Konde-Deshmukh, APP, for the State.

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CORAM : SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.

DATED : 18th April, 2007.

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant and the learned APP for the State.

2. The applicant is seeking bail in C.R.No.20 of 2007 of Taloja Police Station. The said case is under Section 304, 288, 337, 338 of IPC.

3. It is the prosecution case that the applicant was carrying on construction of his own godown. During construction, a wall collapsed and caused death of 20 workers. Mr.Patil has stated that it was a clear case of accident and the

applicant has already deposited an amount of Rs.40 lacs in the office of the Collector, Raigad, Alibag by way of compensation to the relatives of the deceased persons.

4. It is stated that, the investigation in the present case is over and the charge-sheet will be filed within a week from today. The applicant is a permanent resident of Vashi, Navi Mumbai and it is not the prosecution case that he is likely to abscond.

5. In this view of the matter, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicant.

6. The applicant Narendra Ramcharan Bhalla to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.1 lac with one or two sureties to make up the said amount. The applicant shall report to Taloja Police Station on every alternate day from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., till charge-sheet is filed, and thereafter as and when required, till conclusion of the trial.

7. Application is disposed of accordingly.

(SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.)